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- Featured Project Profile: Hands-on, Play-Based Learning at the Marbles Kids Museum Helps Kids and Parents Get Ready for School
 - Marbles Kids Museum developed and implemented a school readiness project, "Ready, Set, School." Through hands-on play in a new "Ready, Set, School" classroom exhibit and participation in play-based, school-like programming and events, the project increases school readiness among children ages 2-5, their families, and community organizations that support them.
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- Featured Project Profile: Opening the World of Museums and Libraries to Visually Impaired Visitors
 - As IMLS commemorates the 25th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), museums and libraries, such as the Wolfner Talking Book and Braille Library and the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences continue to expand accessibility of their services and resources to those with visual impairments and other disabilities.
- July Acting Director's Message: Putting Seniors at the Center
 - Nearly 10,000 people turn 65 every day in America. At the 2015 Conference on Aging at the White House last week, President Obama highlighted the contributions and the challenges of an aging American population.

The event, which has been held every ten years since the 1960s, brought together government officials, members of the public, business leaders, and community leaders to discuss ways to improve the quality of life of older Americans. It was preceded by five regional forums that delved into the key issues affecting older Americans. The goal: to embrace the transformative demographic shift that is occurring in this country and to recognize the possibilities of healthy aging.

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- Featured Project Profile: A Maker State, Powered By Libraries
 - The Makerstate Initiative is a project that aims to excite New Mexico communities about STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) and support libraries throughout the state in introducing maker technologies in a fun and accessible way.
- June Acting Director's Message: Highlighting the Power and Potential of Making
 - The amazing world of “making” took hold of the nation’s capital this month, and IMLS played an important role organizing key festivities. Makerspaces are immersive spaces hosting hands-on activities in which people can tinker, invent, collaborate, experiment, create, and learn. Making and makerspaces generally feature a diverse assortment of materials, supplies, tools, and technologies for people to use as they explore and create.
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- Featured Project Profile: Ten Libraries and Museums Honored at the White House
 - On Monday, May 18, First Lady Michelle Obama joined the Institute of Museum and Library Services Acting Director Maura Marx to present the 2015 National Medal for Museum and Library Service. Ten institutions from across the country attended the White House Ceremony to be recognized for outstanding service to their communities.
- May Acting Director's Message: Our Award Winning Libraries and Museums Are Welcoming New Americans
 - Every year, a high point for us at IMLS is the presentation of the National Medals. The National Medal for Museum and Library Service shines a national spotlight on the many ways libraries and museums make a difference in the lives of children, families, and communities across the country.
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